

**Notice Of Public Hearing On The Location, Design And Environmental Aspects
And Notice Of Availability Of An Environmental Document For The Proposed
High-Speed Passenger Rail Service On Cp Railway And Union Pacific Railroad
Rights-Of-Way, Between Milwaukee And Madison, Milwaukee, Waukesha,
Jefferson And Dane Counties**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are advised the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing as provided by law to consider the location, design, and environmental aspects of the proposed high-speed passenger rail service between Milwaukee and Madison, including those aspects that may require an application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the placement of fill materials into waters of the United States.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), are proposing to re-introduce passenger rail service between Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin. The Federal Railroad Administration has agreed to serve as the lead federal agency for the project. The 85-mile (136-kilometer) route would use existing CP Railway and Union Pacific Railroad tracks from Milwaukee to Madison. The passenger rail service would initially start with six round trips per day in late 2003, ultimately increasing to ten round trips after 2005, as service is extended to Minneapolis/St. Paul. Intermediate stops are proposed at the cities of Brookfield, Oconomowoc, and Watertown, Wisconsin. Maximum operating speed in the corridor would be 110 mph (180 kph). Three alternative station sites are under consideration in Madison.

Further information concerning the proposed improvement is available for inspection and copying at the Department's District Offices in Madison and Waukesha, Wisconsin at the addresses given below.

The public hearing will convene at 6:30 p.m. at the following locations:

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Milwaukee War Memorial
Memorial Hall
750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Wednesday, June 27, 2001

East High School
2222 E. Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53704

Thursday, June 28, 2001 at

Riverside Middle School
131 Hall St.
Watertown, WI 53094

As an informational service, project staff will be present at the hearing sites from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the evenings of the hearing for informal discussion of the proposal. Exhibits of the proposal will be on display and a statement about the proposed improvement will be available for review.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and to present relevant oral and/or written testimony concerning the location and design aspects of the proposed project; the social, economic, and environmental impacts and effects of the proposed project (including those impacts and effects for which permit application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may be required pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act); and whether the project is or is not in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of area planning.

There will be no relocation of persons or businesses as a result of the proposed railroad reconstruction.

Provisions have been made for the submission of written statements or other exhibits in place of or in addition to the testimony presented at the public hearing. This additional testimony will be included in the hearing transcript if postmarked not later than July 27, 2001. Mail this additional testimony to Ms. Rose Phetteplace, Director of the District 1 Office at the address given below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further notified of the availability of an Environmental Assessment of the proposal's impacts and effects which has been prepared and filed according to the State and National Environmental Policy Acts. This document indicates that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur as a result of this project. The Environmental Assessment is available for inspection and copying at the following locations:

District 1 Office*
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
2101 Wright Street
Madison, WI 53704

Bureau of Environment
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
4802 Sheboygan Ave., Room 451
P.O. Box 7965
Madison, WI 53707

District 2 Office*
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
2000 Pewaukee Road, Suite A
Waukesha, WI 53187

Bureau of Railroads and Harbors*
4802 Sheboygan Avenue
P.O. Box 7914
Madison, WI 53562

*Denotes where printed copies of the Environmental Assessment or electronic versions on CD-ROM may be obtained from WisDOT offices. There may be a charge for these services.

The Executive Summary of the Environmental Assessment is also available for review on WisDOT's website: www.dot.state.wi.us.

The Environmental Assessment is available locally at the following municipal, town, or county clerks' offices in the project corridor:

City of Milwaukee	Village of Oconomowoc	Village of Marshall
City of Wauwatosa	Lake	Town of Medina
Village of Elm Grove	City of Oconomowoc	Town of Sun Prairie
City of Brookfield	Town of Oconomowoc	City of Sun Prairie
Town of Brookfield	Town of Ixonia	Town of Burke
City of Pewaukee	Town of Watertown	City of Madison
Village of Pewaukee	City of Watertown	Milwaukee County
Town of Delafield	Town of Madison	Waukesha County
Village of Hartland	Town of Milford	Jefferson County
City of Delafield	Town of Waterloo	Dane County
Village of Nashotah	City of Waterloo	

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are also available at the following public libraries:

Madison Public Library
201 W. Mifflin Street
Madison, WI 53703

Watertown Public Library
100 S. Water Street
Watertown, WI 53094

Milwaukee Public Library
814 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Marshall Community Library
130 S. Pardee St.
Marshall, WI 53559

Oconomowoc Public Library
200 South Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Karl Junginger Memorial Library
625 N. Mineral Street
Waterloo, WI 53594

Brookfield Public Library
1900 Calhoun Road
Brookfield, WI 53005

City of Sun Prairie Public Library
1350 Linnerud Drive
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Comments regarding the environmental impacts and effects of the proposed project will be addressed in the Finding of No Significant Impact if postmarked no later than July 27, 2001. Mail to Ms. Rose Phetteplace, Director of the District 1 Office at the address given above.

Persons with an interest in, or knowledge about historical and archeological resources in the project areas are invited to present such information at the public hearing.

The Department of Transportation will review all comments and testimony presented and reserves the right to make a final determination upon the proposal as described in this notice.

Note: The hearing sites are wheelchair accessible. Also, if you are hearing impaired and require an interpreter, one will be provided if you contact Sandra Spann on or before June 20, 2001 at our TDD number 608-246-5385. This number is available Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Calls can also be placed through the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System at 1-800-947-3529. Other questions about the project and requests for additional information can be directed to Ms. Sandra Spann at 608-243-3800.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICTS

Project I.D. 0410-40-40/0499-10-39